

City of Riverdale Mission Statement

THE CITY OF RIVERDALE WILL SATISFY OUR CITIZENS AND CUSTOMERS BY PROVIDING RESPONSIVE, EFFECTIVE, AND EFFICIENT SERVICES, ALONG WITH A WELL MAINTAINED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH WILL ADD VALUE, UNITY AND PRIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

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Project FOCUS

FOR OUR CHILDREN'S UNLIMITED SAFETY & SUCCESS



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FOR OUR CHILDREN'S UNLIMITED SAFETY & SUCCESS (FOCUSS)

Purpose: The purpose of the FOCUSS Initiative is to ensure that the youths in Riverdale enjoy a safe and productive summer.

Components of the Initiative

The **FOCUSS Initiative** will consist of the following programs:

Healthy Parenting – Parenting is perhaps one of the most important jobs for which no previous experience is required. Many parents learn their parenting skills through on the job training and trial and error. While learning to be effective parents, however, life altering mistakes may be made in the lives of parents or their children. Workshops will be available to parents this summer to provide the following information:



How to understand your child.

Age appropriate instruction and discussion will be provided so that parents will learn how to relate with children of any age.

Let's make it a safe summer for Riverdale youths.

How to communicate with your child. Parents will learn to communicate effectively with their children and to recognize the hidden messages children and particularly teens send.

Managing Single Parent Households.

Single parent households consist of male headed households as well as female headed households. Parents will learn to juggle their sometimes demanding schedules of work, family and social life. Male and female headed households will learn how to relate to their opposite sex children and the steps to take to learn how to find appropriate mentors.

Safety – Citizens, especially parents, will receive information on strategies to keep our youths safe this summer. Public Safety officials will discuss the following:

Basic Life Saving Techniques - CPR for youths and adults will be taught.

Fire Safety – Fire officials will provide information on how to prevent fires, particularly fires associated with cooking, smoking and small appliances.

Street Smarts – Police officials will inform youths and adults on actions they can take to maintain their safety while moving around the community or their neighborhood. Youths will learn how to identify dangerous situations as well as individuals who might cause them harm. Youths will learn how to avoid gang violence.

Recreation – a variety of recreational activities will be provided during the summer through volunteer efforts. These activities will occur within the Travon Wilson Memorial Park as well as other locations within the county. Activities will be advertised on the City's website, www.riverdalega.gov and in local newspapers.



FOCUSS provides tips to keep your family safe.

Workshop Locations...

Participants will be able to register for these classes and workshops on the City's website. Classes will be limited to twenty (20) participants. The locations of the workshops will be provided on the City's website as well.

Fees... All classes will be free and open to the public.

Volunteer Opportunities...

Persons wishing to volunteer to assist with these classes and workshops are encouraged to email Iris Jessie, City Manager of Riverdale at ijessie@riverdalega.gov or by calling 770-997-8989 extension 135, Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm.